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## Big Ox Energy employee injured

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### Big OX Energy plant evacuated; employees exposed to hydrogen sulfid

South Sioux City, NE — Shortly before 10:00 pm Kevin Bradley, a spokesperson for Big Ox Energy issued the following statement

Earlier this evening, approximately 90 minutes ago, one of our employees was involved in an industrial accident inside our plant and sustained what we believe at this point are not life threatening injuries. We are told his condition is stable. The accident apparently occurred while the worker was installing a new pipe, and as soon as the incident occurred, our other staff members contacted emergency responders by calling 911 and provided first aid to the employee until they arrived. We applaud our employees and the emergency responders for their prompt response, and the worker has been transferred to a local hospital, where he is receiving care. We put a focus on safety and training for our employees, and we are grateful that the injuries do not appear to be life threatening. At this point, our thoughts and prayers are with our colleague and his family, and we are hopeful that he will have a full recovery.

We have started an internal review into how the incident happened and will examine what steps we might be able to take to strengthen what we believe is already a rigorous and thorough safety program. Additionally, we will voluntarily report this matter to OSHA and cooperate with them on providing any information they might need as they review the circumstances surrounding the incident. We will provide more information tomorrow once we have gathered additional details and confirmed the facts surrounding this unfortunate accident. Right now, our focus is on the well being of our employee and his family, and we are grateful that it was not a more serious situation.

Siouxland News asked Bradley if the employee had been exposed to hydrogen sulfide and he declined to comment. He also declined to comment if any other employees were injured.

When South Sioux City Fire Rescue was called shortly after 7:00 pm Wednesday night the dispatcher relayed to the fire department that the caller stated that they, "are trying to contain "H2S gas, they had one victim unresponsive unconscious and were doing CPR and removed him from the exposure area and that a second

person was possibly exposed."

We are awaiting a response from the Big Ox spokesperson.

South Sioux City Fire rescue was not available this evening to give any further details.